

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A large container made of synthetic resin,~~and~~ comprising:  
                     a neck; and  
                     a ~~body~~; body,  
                     ~~said the~~ body having a substantially rectangular cross section, and including an upper body and a lower ~~body~~; body,  
                     ~~said the~~ upper body ~~containing~~ having a center of gravity of the container when filled with ~~liquid~~; liquid,  
                     ~~said the~~ upper body having a waist section having a cross-section that is symmetric about two perpendicular axes and containing the center of ~~gravity~~; gravity,  
                     ~~said the~~ waist section having a grip, ~~said the~~ grip being structured not adapted to absorb a negative pressure in the ~~container~~; container,  
                     at least one surface of ~~said the~~ lower body including a vacuum ~~panel~~; panel,  
                     and  
                     the waist section having a diameter smaller than a largest diameter of the upper body.
2. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
                     ~~said the~~ waist section has a height equal to about 20 to 40% of a height of ~~said the~~ upper body.
3. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein  
                     ~~said the~~ waist section has a depth of 4 to 15mm relating to the largest diameter of ~~said the~~ upper body.

4. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ grip has a height not greater than about 33% of a height of ~~said the~~ upper body.
5. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ grip has a width equal to about 35 to 80% of a width of a longer side of ~~said the~~ upper body.
6. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ grip has a depth of about 5mm or less from a wall of ~~said the~~ waist section.
7. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to 30.6 to 48.6% of a surface area of ~~said the~~ lower body.
8. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ lower body has a substantially flat label section; and ~~said the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to about 39.3 to 62.4% of an area of ~~said the~~ label section.
9. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ vacuum panel has at least one transversal rib.
10. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 9, wherein ~~said the~~ transversal rib has a width not smaller than 85.0% of a width of ~~said the~~ vacuum panel.
11. (Currently Amended) A large container made of synthetic resin, and comprising:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a neck; and  
\_\_\_\_\_ a ~~body;~~ body.

~~said the~~ body having a substantially rectangular cross section, and including an upper body and a lower ~~body;~~body.

~~said the~~ upper body containing a center of gravity of the container when filled with ~~liquid;~~liquid.

~~said the~~ upper body having a rib containing the center of ~~gravity;~~gravity.

~~said the~~ rib being structured not ~~adapted~~ to absorb a negative pressure in the container and being structured to surround the container, and

at least one surface of ~~said the~~ lower body including a vacuum panel.

12. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said the~~ rib operates as a grip.

13. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said the~~ rib has a height equal to about 2 to 10% of a height of ~~said the~~ upper body.

14. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said the~~ rib has a depth of 2 to 5mm relating to the largest diameter of ~~said the~~ upper body.

15. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to 23.3 to 42.0% of a surface area of ~~said the~~ lower body.

16. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said the~~ lower body has a substantially flat label section; and  
~~said the~~ vacuum panel has an area equal to about 31.3 to 56.2% of an area of ~~said the~~ label section.

17. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 11, wherein

~~said the~~ vacuum panel has at least one transversal rib.

18. (Currently Amended) The container according to claim 17, wherein ~~said~~ the transversal rib has a width not smaller than 85.0% of a width of ~~said~~ the vacuum panel.

19. (New) The container according to claim 1, wherein the cross section of the waist section is at least partially arcuate.

20. (New) The container according to claim 11, wherein the cross section of the rib is symmetric about two perpendicular axes and is at least partially arcuate.